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For: A METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS

INCLUDING A SEALING MEMBER WITH REDUCED THERMAL STRESS

LETTER OF RELATED APPLICATION

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Sir:

The Examiner is hereby advised of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/957,620. The subject matter contained in this co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/957,620 is related to the present application and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

This application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing this application to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant does NOT waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122.

Respectfully submitted,

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